



VOLUNTEER LAKE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM INDIVIDUAL LAKE REPORTS

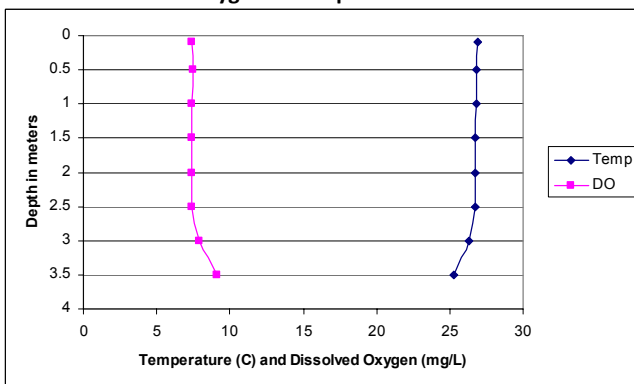
DUCK POND, FREEDOM, NH

2012 DATA SUMMARY

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Refer to Table 1 and Historical Deep Spot Data Graphic)

- 🔥 **CHLOROPHYLL-A:** Chlorophyll levels were much lower in 2012 than previous years.
- 🔥 **CONDUCTIVITY/CHLORIDE:** Conductivity levels were slightly higher than the NH lake median value, however likely due to natural causes.
- 🔥 **TOTAL PHOSPHORUS:** Deep spot phosphorus levels were much lower in 2012 than previous years.
- 🔥 **TRANSPARENCY:** The Secchi disk was visible on the pond bottom in 2012.
- 🔥 **TURBIDITY:** Deep spot turbidity levels were very low.
- 🔥 **pH:** Deep spot pH levels have historically dipped below desirable levels.
- 🔥 **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** Increase monitoring frequency to once per month in the summer (June, July and August) to better assess water quality trends. Otherwise, water quality looks great and we hope to see this continue!

Dissolved Oxygen & Temperature Profile



| Station Name | Table 1. 2012 Average Water Quality Data for DUCK POND | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|---------|-------|---------|--------|-------|------|
| | Alk. | Chlor-a | Cond. | Total P | Trans. | Turb. | pH |
| | mg/l | ug/l | uS/cm | ug/l | m | ntu | |
| | | | | | NVS | | |
| Deep Epilimnion | 3.9 | 1.63 | 57.9 | 3 | 4.00 | 0.48 | 6.51 |
| Deep Hypolimnion | | | 57.4 | 5 | | 0.54 | 6.75 |

NH Median Values: Median values for specific parameters generated from historic lake monitoring data.

Alkalinity: 4.9 mg/L

Chlorophyll-a: 4.58 mg/m³

Conductivity: 40.0 uS/cm

Chloride: 4 mg/L

Total Phosphorus: 12 ug/L

Transparency: 3.2 m

pH: 6.6

NH Water Quality Standards: Numeric criteria for specific parameters. Results exceeding criteria are considered a water quality violation.

Chloride: < 230 mg/L (chronic)

E. coli: > 88 cts/100 mL – public beach

E. coli: > 406 cts/100 mL – surface waters

Turbidity: > 10 NTU above natural level

pH: 6.5-8.0 (unless naturally occurring)

HISTORICAL WATER QUALITY TREND ANALYSIS

| Parameter | Trend | Explanation |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| Chlorophyll-a | N/A | More data needed to establish trend. |
| Transparency | N/A | More data needed to establish trend. |
| Phosphorus (epilimnion) | N/A | More data needed to establish trend. |

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